

House Study Bill 131 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON DOLECHECK)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the transportation equity program by
2 establishing funding amounts, making appropriations, and
3 including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 2, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. *Categorical state percent of growth.* The categorical
4 state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July
5 1, 2016, is two and twenty-five hundredths percent. The
6 categorical state percent of growth for the budget year
7 beginning July 1, 2017, is one and eleven hundredths percent.
8 The categorical state percent of growth for the budget year
9 beginning July 1, 2018, is one percent. The categorical state
10 percent of growth for each budget year shall be established
11 by statute which shall be enacted within thirty days of the
12 transmission of the governor's budget required by February
13 1 under [section 8.21](#) during the regular legislative session
14 beginning in the base year. The categorical state percent of
15 growth may include state percents of growth for the teacher
16 salary supplement, the professional development supplement,
17 the early intervention supplement, ~~and~~ the teacher leadership
18 supplement, and transportation equity aid payments under
19 section 257.16C.

20 Sec. 2. Section 257.16C, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended
21 by adding the following new paragraph:

22 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* (1) For the fiscal year beginning
23 July 1, 2019, there is appropriated from the general fund
24 of the state to the department of management for deposit in
25 the transportation equity fund the sum of eleven million two
26 hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary,
27 to be used for the purposes of this section.

28 (2) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020,
29 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
30 the department of management for deposit in the transportation
31 equity fund the sum of the following, or so much thereof as is
32 necessary, to be used for the purposes of this section:

33 (a) The amount appropriated to the transportation equity
34 fund under this paragraph for the immediately preceding fiscal
35 year.

1 (b) The product of the amount determined under subparagraph
2 division (a) multiplied by the categorical percent of growth
3 under section 257.8, subsection 2, for the budget year
4 beginning on the same date of the fiscal year for which the
5 appropriation is made.

6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
7 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 Code section 257.16C establishes a transportation equity
12 program and a transportation equity fund to provide additional
13 funding for school districts with a transportation cost per
14 pupil that exceeds the statewide adjusted transportation cost
15 per pupil. If the balance of the fund exceeds the amount
16 necessary to make all transportation equity aid payments,
17 moneys remaining in the fund are required to be used for
18 transportation base funding payments.

19 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, this bill
20 appropriates \$11.2 million from the general fund of the
21 state for deposit in the transportation equity fund. For
22 each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, the
23 bill appropriates from the general fund of the state to the
24 transportation equity fund the sum of the amount appropriated
25 for the immediately preceding fiscal year plus the product of
26 the amount appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal
27 year multiplied by the categorical percent of growth for the
28 corresponding school budget year.

29 The bill takes effect upon enactment.